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 Clerk of Court, J. H. Patterson.
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 Co. Surveyor, Amos Barlow.
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THE COURTS.

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L. M. McCLINTIC,

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Huntersville, W. Va.

Will practice in the courts of Pocahontas and adjoining counties and in the Supreme court of Appeals.

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ODDS AND ENDS ABOUT MARLINTON.

—Though a good deal has been written concerning the town of Marlinton, the drift of the accounts would leave one believing that Col. John T. McGraw found the place in the woods and with a magic touch transformed it into the "the center of the two Virginias." While we owe the existence of the place as a village to this wealthy and brilliant West Virginian, the place had been cleared and redeemed from the primeval forests long ago.

By authority of the "Virginia Historical Collections," a very old and rare work, the first man that crossed the Alleghenys, came to the Greenbrier River here and returned, reporting that he found the waters running in the wrong direction.

Acting upon the information of this prospector, who was called a "lunatic" in an old work, as he wandered in the woods the whole of his time on like expeditions, Jacob Marlin and Stephen Sewell came West and built a cabin here on a spot near the A. M. McLaughlin house, at the mouth of a certain "Slough" that comes down to Marlin's Run, and just opposite was a large, hollow sycamore. They quarreled, living together, and Sewell moved into the hollow tree. Sewell went, finally, to Greenbrier county, and was killed by the Indians on Sewell Mountain. It seems that then Marlin returned to Virginia from whence he had come.

About the year 1750, General Andrew Lewis located a "survey" meant to be inclusive of all the rich bottom land and must be the oldest title in the county. It is reported that this survey was once sold for a pony and a keg of whiskey. Old residents say that Maj. Jacob Warwick was the first to clear a field.

About 1846, a postoffice was established and the place called Marlin's Bottom. The mail came once a week. Before that, Huntersville was the postoffice for all of Edray District, as well as the greater part of Huntersville District.

The place bore that name until about 1887, when the name was changed to Marlinton, by a petition brought forward by Mrs. Jamie B. Skyles, who all remember as a lady of culture and refinement, and who desired a more euphonious appellation than one ending with "Bottom." The old citizens were much incensed at the boldness of a new comer, and felt that they had sustained irreparable damage, but the post office department had decided a verse to double names and Marlinton stood, to have every stranger of high or low degree insert a "g" in spelling.

There are many traditions of the Indians, and at places a pocketfull of flint or arrowheads may be picked up in a short time. One well-established legend tells of the burial of an iron pot containing all the valuables of a party of emigrants and \$20,000 in Spanish doubloons. On a farm known as "Jericho," about a mile from the river, is a deep hole dug in search of this treasure by a man who sickened and died while searching for it.

During the late war, Gen. Robert E. Lee's troops and he himself camped here for a considerable time. — There are still to be seen the fortifications erected by Col. Gilman along the river banks.

When the farms were bought by Col. McGraw, they were owned by the McLaughlin's, Gay's and Price's

and, with the exception of one lot, that on which the Skyles House stands, and which has been the subject of a suit in the Supreme Court, there had never been a lot sold in the place, the original owners holding the land with almost or quite a tacit understanding that such was always to be the case.

An impression has been made on some that the land here is swampy, even to one gentleman's saying in the heat of the campaign on the courthouse removal question, that "the Prices and McLaughlins had lived in the swamps until they were well fouled."

However, the land is naturally very fertile, a great part of it, in deed having once been covered with black walnut trees. The swift-flowing streams, the Greenbrier River and Knapp's Creek, drain the land well leaving it high and dry, and the bottoms are wonderfully free from swamps considering their width.

Marlinton now is a pretty place with tasteful cottages dotted about on the green sward, that comes down to the water's edge, and all one needs, in summer, to know the delight of sitting on a grassy bank where your feet hang over the crystal waters below.

But in this Eden comes the still, small voice which says "what is life without a railroad?"

Our Easter Thanks.

Thank God for the dear oneness to-day,
 Safe at home on the happy shore,
 Where the smile of the Father beams
 For eye,
 And the shadow of pain shall fall no more.

Thank God for the hearts that have
 done with sin,
 For the eyes that shall never be blind
 with tears:

Thank God for the beautiful, entered in
 To the perfect rest of the deathless
 years.

Thank God to-day for the pilgrim feet
 Which have trodden the last of the
 toilsome way;

For the strong, for the frail, for the
 babes so sweet,
 Who have left forever this crumbling
 clay.

Who have changed earth's trial and
 loss and moan
 For the victor's palm and the voice of
 praise.

Who dwell in the light of the great
 white throne,
 And join in the songs which the ransomed
 raise.

Thank God to-day for the hope sublime
 Which fills our souls in the darkest
 hours:

Thank God that the transient care of
 time
 Are wreathed in the glory of fadeless
 flowers.

Thank God for the rift in the desolate
 grave;
 'Tis the soldier's couch, not the captive's
 prison;

He hallowed its portal, who died to save,
 and we write o'er its arch, "The
 Lord is risen!"

—Margaret E. Sangster.

THE PARTY WARNED OF A BAD POLICY.

Referring to Hon. John W. Arbuckle's candidacy for the State Senate, the Pocahontas Times says: "An arrangement will be made to elect a citizen of this county to the Senate this year, and it is high time that this faithful old county did supply a man for this office."

Monroe county does not concede that the claims of Pocahontas county are superior to her own; but it is undoubtedly true that either of them have the precedence over Greenbrier. It is a bad party policy for the larger counties to override and supplant the smaller counties. If often repeated it breeds strife and an ugly feeling of jealousy which will do the Democratic

organization no good. It is known that that feeling exists already to some extent in regard to the State Senatorial nomination. It ought not to be aggravated.

But apart from this, there are other considerations which operate to render the nomination of Mr. Arbuckle improper. If our Greenbrier friends will examine the whole subject thoroughly we are convinced that they will not undertake to press his candidacy upon the party.—Monroe Wachman.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas county, to-wit: At rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, on Monday, the 5th day of March, 1894.

Levi Gay, Admr. of Patay Sevey, decd., of Peggy Sevey, decd., of Rachel Gay, decd., Lucinda Jordan, decd., J. C. Arbogast, Admr. of Nancy Rider, decd.; Sarah A. Sharp, Admx. of Andrew Sharp, decd., and Ann Cackley, Plaintiffs,

vs. J. C. Arbogast, Sheriff, and as such, administrator of Wm. Skeen, decd., Matthew Wallace, assigner of Rebecca Lewis, Georgianna Skeen, widow of Wm. Skeen, decd., Robert M. Skeen, J. Curry Skeen, Catherine McClintic (nee Skeen), George F. McClintic, her husband, Virgie Skeen, Jessie Skeen, Mary Skeen, heirs at law of Wm. Skeen, decd. Defendants.

The object of suit is to revive the Chancery cause of James Sharp's Ex'or, etc. vs. James Sharp's legatees, etc., and the petition of plaintiffs filed therein, pending in the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, against the administrator and heirs of Wm. Skeen, decd., and to proceed upon said petition to final decree for the payment of the debts of said Skeen in said petition mentioned, and to this end to subject to sale any property of said Skeen, and it appearing by affidavit filed that the defendants, Georgianna Skeen, J. Curry Skeen, Robert M. Skeen, Catherine McClintic (nee Skeen), George F. McClintic, Virgie Skeen, Mary Skeen and Jessie Skeen, are non residents of the State of West Virginia. It is ordered that they do appear here within one month after the first publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit. Witness: J. H. Patterson, Clerk of the said Court, this 5th day of March, 1894.

J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk.
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PUBLIC SALE OF LAND

in Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

By virtue of the provisions of the will of Alexander Rider, decd., the undersigned will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in front of the Court house at Marlinton, Pocahontas County, W. Va. on

Tuesday, April 3rd 1894 (first day of the Circuit Court) the following tract of land, To-wit:

400 acres known as the "POPLAR FLATS" situated in said county on Beaver Lick Mountain and is the same land recovered in an action of Ejectment by said Alex. W. Rider vs. Wm. T. Perry.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale sufficient to pay costs of sale and other expenses and the balance on a credit of one two, and three years in equal installments with interest from date, the purchaser to execute bonds with approved personal security, and vendors lien retained as ultimate security. For further information apply to the undersigned at Green Bank, W. Va.

J. C. ARBOGAST, S. P. C. and as such Admr. with will annexed of Alex. W. Rider, decd.
 John W. Stephenson Atty.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

The undersigned special commissioner, pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, rendered on the 19th day of October 1893, in the chancery cause of J. C. Arbogast Admr. of William Skeen, decd., vs. Wm. W. and J. W. McComb, and J. C. Louny Sen. vs. the same, will proceed in front of the Court house of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, on Tuesday the 3rd day of April, 1894, to sell at public auction to the highest bidder the land mentioned in the bills in said causes, it being a tract of 82 acres lying in said county on the waters of Cummings Creek, about 3 miles south of Huntersville, and the same land on which the said defendants, Wm. W. and J. W. McComb now reside.

TERMS OF SALE. Cash in hand on day of sale to pay costs of each of the above styled suits and costs of sale, and the balance upon a credit of One, Two, and Three years in equal installments with interest from date, the purchaser to execute bonds for the deferred payments with good personal security and the legal title to be retained as ultimate security.
 W. A. BRATTON, Special Commissioner.
 JOHN W. STEPHENSON, Commissioner.

I, J. H. Patterson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County do certify that the above named Special Commissioners have given bond as required by law. Given under my hand this 7th day of Feb 1894.
 J. H. PATTERSON
 12 80 Clerk.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

The undersigned special commissioner, pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, rendered on the 4th day of April 1893, in the chancery cause of the St. Lawrence Boom & Manufacturing Company, vs. Samuel Harper and William L. Harper, will proceed, in front of the Court house of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of April, 1894, to sell publicly to the highest bidder, the following tract of land belonging to the defendant Samuel Harper, situated in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, on both sides of Knapp's Creek, adjoining the lands of Samuel Harper and Hugh Dever and contains 105 acres, being the same land conveyed by Samuel Harper to Wm. L. Harper by deed bearing date on the 20th day of October 1892 and is of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas county, in deed book no. 15, at page 293. Said land is fertile, and a large part thereof is in meadow, or capable of being cultivated.

Terms of Sale. Enough cash in hand to pay the costs of suit and sale, and on the residue a credit of 6 and 12 months will be given, the purchaser to execute bonds with approved personal security for the deferred payments, bearing interest from date. A lien to be retained until all the purchase money on said land is paid.

L. M. McCLINTIC, Special Com'r.
 I. J. H. Patterson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, do certify that the above named Special Commissioner has given bond as required by law. Given under my hand this 20th day of May 1893.
 \$11.28 J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk.